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September 18, 2013

Ken May, General Manager Canyon Fuel Company, LLC 597 South SR24 Salina, Utah 84654

Subject:

Expansion of Lift #5, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Sufco Mine, C/041/0002,

Task ID #4394

Dear Mr. May:

The Division has reviewed your application to Expand Lift #5 at the Waste Rock Disposal Site at the Sufco Mine. The Division has identified deficiencies that must be addressed before final approval can be granted. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

The deficiencies authors are identified so that your staff can communicate directly with that individual should questions arise. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application by no later than November 19, 2013.

Please note that only one copy in redline/strikeout format is required for review.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock Coal Program Manager

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Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID:

C0410002

TaskID:

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Mine Name:

SUFCO MINE

Title:

EXPANSION OF LIFT #5

Environmental Resource Information

Soils

Deficiencies Details:

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Operation Plan

Topsoil

Deficiencies Details:

R645-301-122, In Section 2.12, please reference where the B-1 boring log can be found in the MRP.

R645-301-121.200, Draw a line around the Lift #4 topsoil storage area on Map 4.

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Spoil Waste Refuse

Deficiencies Details:

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Hydro Acid_Toxic

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R645-301-731.100 and -553.252, 1) The Permittee has modified the sampling plan from one quarterly sample to one sample per 10,000 tons (Section 3.1.5). This suggested sampling rate will not provide an adequate representation of the waste; does not correspond with sampling required at similar waste rock sites and can not be approved. 2) A density of 1.2 tons/ yd3 is implied by the statement, ""The original fill volume was estimated at 10,000 tons or 8,200 cubic yards per year." (Vol 3, p. 3-12). In the cover letter received 8/14/2013, the Permittee states a reluctance to rely this density for conversion from tonnage to volume. If this figure is no longer useful, please provide a current approximation for density of the SUFCO waste rock in the MRP, such that conversion between tonnage and volume can be made.